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# INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION OF 1851.

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ROOMS OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE,

WASHINGTON, November 7, 1850.

The Executive Committee appointed by the Central Authority of the United States on the London Industrial Exhibition respectfully present the following summary of information on the most important matters requiring the attention of State Committees, and of those who intend to become exhibitors.

1. Committees appointed by the Governors of the several States are recognized as the proper judges for selecting articles suitable to be sent to the Exhibition from the United States.

2. Articles intended for exhibition will be examined by the Committee of the State or Territory of which they are the products.

3. The State Committees will furnish duplicate certificates of all articles examined and approved by them, to the Executive Committee at Washington, who will give the sanction required by the British Commissioners.

4. Articles approved in the manner above prescribed, will be forwarded to London free of charge, from the port of New York, in a national vessel placed by the Navy Department at the disposal of the Central Committee for that purpose; and, at the close of the Exhibition, they will be returned in the same conveyance, to the same place, unless otherwise disposed of.

5. The Treasury Department will afford, as far as practicable, through the Revenue Cutter Service, facilities for forwarding objects from the different Atlantic ports to New York.

6. Should the vessel designated to convey the goods to London not be in readiness to receive them on their arrival at New York, they will be stored at the Navy Yard, and afterwards put on board, free of expense to the owners.

7. All goods intended to be forwarded to the Exhibition by the Government vessel from New York, should be delivered at that place duly marked, and with suitable invoices, containing the corresponding marks. In addition to other marks, there should be inscribed on each package, the words "*London Exhibition.*"

8. No article will be received at the Navy Yard after the *tenth* day of January, 1851, as the vessel will sail soon after that period.

9. All expenses in London, for cartage, unpacking, arranging for exhibition, and removing of packing cases, must be paid by the owners of the goods or their agents.

10. State Committees are desired to inform the Executive Committee on or before the 1st of December next, what amount of ground and wall space they can creditably fill with the products of their respective States. States from which no information on this point shall at that time be forwarded, will be presumed to require no part of the space allotted to the United States, and it will be distributed to the other States, according to their several requirements.

11. Detailed statements relative to the Exhibition and to the several classes of objects appropriate thereto, have been furnished to the several State Committees, and will be supplied to those who may require more particular information, upon application to the Executive Committee.

12. All communications should be addressed to the Secretary of the Executive Committee.

PETER FORCE, *Chairman.*

JOS. C. G. KENNEDY, *Secretary of Executive Committee.*

## REGULATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONERS IN LONDON.

1. The exhibition is to be opened in Hyde Park, London, on the 1st day of May, 1851. The building, constructed chiefly of cast iron and plate glass, 1,848 feet long, 408 feet wide, and 108 feet high, with a machinery room, 936 feet long, and 48 feet wide, will be nearly fire proof.

2. Goods will be received between the first of January and the first of March, 1851. After the latter day none can be received.

3. The productions of all nations will be exhibited together under one general classification.

4. Articles exhibited will be divided into four sections, viz :

1. Raw materials and produce.

3. Manufactures.

2. Machinery.

4. Sculpture models and plastic art.

5. Exhibitors will deliver their goods at their own charge and risk at the building in Hyde Park.

6. Articles liable to perish during the period of eight months, from the 1st of January to the first of September, are not suitable to be exhibited. This applies more particularly to certain articles derived from the animal and vegetable kingdoms.

7. Exhibitors will be at the cost of their own insurance. Glass cases, when required, must be furnished by the exhibitor.

8. Any exhibitor may, by permission of the Royal Commissioners, employ a servant to keep in order and explain the articles which he exhibits, but not to invite purchasers.

9. Prices are not to be affixed to the articles exhibited, but may at the option of the exhibitor be stated in the invoice sent to the Royal Commissioners.

10. No articles of foreign manufacture can be admitted for exhibition, *unless they come with the express sanction of the Central Authority of the country of which they are the produce.*

11. Goods will be admitted without payment of duty, and sealed with the official seal of the board of customs till their arrival at the building; but bonds will be required of the owner or agents for the payment of duties in case they should be sold in England after the exhibition is over. No goods can be removed until the exhibition is finally closed.

12. The rules of awarding prizes will conform to the section or department to which the goods belong.

13. In the department of *raw materials and produce*, prizes will be awarded upon a consideration of the value and importance of the article and the superior excellence of the particular specimens exhibited; and in the case of prepared materials the novelty and importance of the prepared product, and the superior skill and ingenuity in the preparation, will be considered.

14. In *machinery*, prizes will be given with reference to novelty in the invention, superiority in the execution, increased efficiency or increased economy in the use of the article exhibited. Its importance in a social view, and the difficulties in perfecting it, will also be taken into account.

15. In *manufactures*, increased usefulness, such as permanency of colors, improved forms and patterns, superior quality, or higher skill in workmanship, new materials used, and combinations of materials, beauty of design in form or color, with reference to utility, and cheapness relatively to excellence of production, will be the bases of decision.

16. In *sculpture models and the plastic art*, rewards will have reference to the beauty and originality of the specimens, to improvements in the processes of production, to the application of art to manufactures, and, in the case of models, to the subject they represent.

17. Juries, to consist partly of Englishmen and partly of foreigners, will be composed of men of known ability to form a judgment,—above the suspicion of either national or individual partiality.

18. No competitor for a prize can be placed on a jury in the particular department in which he is a competitor.

19. To exhibitors from the United States there have been allotted of ground space, 85,000 square feet, subject to a deduction of one half for passages, and of wall or hanging space, 40,000 square feet, not subject to deduction.



*Form of Certificate for Exhibitors to be filled up in duplicate.*

State of \_\_\_\_\_ 1850.

To Mr. \_\_\_\_\_, one of the Secretaries to the Local Committee for the State of \_\_\_\_\_

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name.	Address.	Nature of Manufacture.	Area required in superficial Feet.			Average Height likely to be required.	Remarks.
			Floor.	Table or Counter.	Wall.		

Approved by the State Committee of the State of \_\_\_\_\_



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